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OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD,

MASS.

NEW BEDFORD:
MERCURY PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS TO THE CITY.
1889.

Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1889.

TRUSTEES.

Ex-Officio. Terms expire January, 1890.

WALTER CLIFFORD, Mayor of the City.
WILLIAM A. TUCKER, President of the Common Council.
LUTHER G. HEWINS, JR., Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1889.
ARTHUR G. GRINNELL,	Term expires April, 1889.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1890.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1890.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expires April, 1891.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1891.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.
THE MAYOR.

CLERK.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

COMMITTEES.

On the Library—The Mayor, Messrs. Howland, Tucker, and Julien.
On the Building—Messrs. Tompkins, Hewins, and Ellis.
On Binding and Blanks—Messrs. Dunbar and Grinnell.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.
GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.
ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.
WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

ASSISTANTS.
JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, MARY E. BROWN,
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

JANITOR.
YORICK W. AMES.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN,—It is a pleasure to report to you the condition and improvements made in the Public Library during the past year. Although the management and methods have been the same as heretofore, yet the distribution of books has increased and there have been more patrons in the reading room. This is made far more attractive by hanging on the walls portraits of former eminent citizens, who by their ability and liberality have made New Bedford well known in the history of the country; photographs of houses and places that a few years hence will hardly be recognizable on account of the growth and change in our city; and maps and drawings showing these changes from 1795 up to the present time. The memorial tablet of the late Sylvia Ann Howland is now placed where it can be seen by all. Since the library is naturally a repository of books and learning, we would like to make it one of pictures, and of historical and classical interests as well; and we would be glad to adorn the walls with mementos of early New Bedford and its citizens.

Early in the year special shelves were put up in the reading room for holding reference books, which readers might use without applying to the assistants at the desk; and later the cabinet for holding the card catalogue was made and placed in the centre of the room. When the public have become accustomed to the simple method of using this catalogue, its convenience and superiority over the

former catalogue and its various supplements will be fully appreciated. At certain hours the reading chairs are well occupied, and the newspaper files are in good demand.

In the number of volumes and pamphlets we have had an increase of three thousand one hundred thirty-seven during the year, making a total of over fifty-three thousand; of these, fiction and juveniles comprise about six per cent. of the whole. There have been taken from the library in the past twelve months sixty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-nine books, or a daily average of two hundred twenty-five. About one hundred seventy-five periodicals are received, most of which are placed upon the reading room tables; the others, being of interest to specialists only, may be had on application at the desk. In addition to these there are fifteen newspapers on files. There have been during the year two hundred seventy-eight volumes bound, and two hundred seven rebound. The librarian has sent out seventy-six notices for books overdue. Four hundred twenty volumes have been worn out and rejected. The volumes that were overcrowded and awaiting shelf-room have now been arranged on a movable system, which in connection with the card catalogue enables them to be located and changed without any inconvenience or delay, thus greatly facilitating their delivery; they will be numbered as soon as possible.

We may have a few books that are maliciously injured; but, doubtless, a great many suffer from carelessness. Some people seem to think that when they take out a book and hold themselves responsible for its safety, they have a right to make marginal notes and to mark what perchance may be of future use to themselves or others; it is not their book for the time being, and they have no right whatever to deface it.

Our principal gift of the past year was by the liberality of the late George O. Crocker, who bequeathed $10,000 to the

library, the income of which is in no way restricted, but is to be used as the Trustees deem most advantageous. We have received collections of volumes and pamphlets from Hon. George Howland, Jr., and Henry Willey, Esq.; several MS. volumes of whaling records, kept by the late Dennis Wood, from Samuel H. Cook, Esq.; and also through Mr. J. A. P. Allen, as a bequest from Mrs. Wm. H. Allen, a wax medallion portrait of Hon. Caleb Strong, the well known Federalist governor of Massachusetts. From the Royal Society of Canada we have continued to receive their Proceedings and Transactions. In the appendix will be found the names of others who have kindly increased our list of valuable books and pamphlets.

APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1888.

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1888.			
Jan 1.	Cash on hand,	$76.31	
	Paper stock,	4.35	
	143 fiction catalogues,	35.75	
	Fines,	218.53	
	Books destroyed and paid for,	1.72	$336.66
	Paid for expressage, freight, and jobbing,	$39.71	
	P. O. box and postage,	28.99	
	Books,	2.27	
	Binding and paper cutting,	19.85	
	Stationery,	43.92	
	Incidentals,	132.14	
1889, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	69.78	$336.66

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1888, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	$434.58	
	February,	417.34	
	March,	766.70	
	April,	516.80	
	May,	431.78	
	June,	471.32	
	July,	455.74	
	August,	457.09	
	September,	480.22	
	October,	464.59	
	November,	429.50	
	December,	526.22	$5851.88
1888, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,	$5400.00	
	Transfer,	451.88	$5851.88

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$9,649.45	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	406.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	481.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	262.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	290.37	
	Dog fund,	625.23	$11,715.65

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1888.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$9,649.45	
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	$12,649.45

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz.:

January audit,	$422.83	
February,	275.07	
March,	235.12	
April,	495.67	
May,	440.13	
June,	512.63	
July,	307.22	
August,	175.24	
September,	234.70	
October,	338.15	
November,	311.63	
December,	706.61	$4455.00

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	$5.00
Allyn & Bacon,	15.53
Allyn, John,	1.85
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	5.40
Armstrong, A. C. & Son,	3.00
Balch Bros. & Graham,	10.50
Bancroft Whitney Co.,	12.00

Bittinger, J. O.,	$3.65
Boston Society of Natural History,	7.00
Bowker, R. R.,	5.00
Cambridge Entomological Society,	5.00
City Treasurer,	126.00
Clark, A. S.,	8.72
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	1.50
Clark & Carruth,	4.36
Conant, Fred. O.,	5.00
Coöperative Newspaper Society,	2.25
Dante Society,	10.00
Dawson, H. B.,	3.00
Dews, Edwin,	425.59
Electrical World,	3.00
Ellis, George H.,	2.00
Essex Institute,	7.50
Francis, D. G.,	22.05
Garrison, Martin & Co.,	5.00
Gately & Co.,	10.00
Goss, F. B. & F. P.,	2.00
Harper, F. P.,	7.12
Harvard Monthly,	2.00
Henry, J. B.,	1.50
Hickox, J. H.,	5.00
Historic Society of Penn.,	5.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	3.50
Hutchinson, H. S. & Co.,	863.66
Inman, H. S.,	11.00
Jackson, Wm.,	3.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	45.10
Lamb, J. H., Agent,	6.00
Lawrence, L. L.,	1.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	821.10
"Lend a Hand" Pub. Co.,	2.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	957.72
Littlefield, George E.,	245.82
Mass. Historical Society,	8.50
McDonough, J.,	10.35
Mercury Pub. Co.,	6.00
Middlesex Institute,	1.00
Modern Language Notes,	1.50
Munsell's Sons,	6.05
Narragansett Histor. Pub. Co.,	2.00
New Haven Colony Histor. Society,	5.00
N. Y. Shakspeare Society,	2.50
Nichols, C. A. & Co.,	5.00

Noyes, H. D. & Co.,		$23.85	
Parsons, J. D., Jr.,		4.50	
Peet, S. D.,		8.00	
Poor, H. V. & H. W.,		8.00	
Publishers' Weekly,		1.50	
Q. P. Index,		3.50	
Randolph & English,		5.00	
Raymond, E. P.,		3.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,		215.00	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,		5.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,		157.81	
Scranton, S. S. & Co.,		1.50	
Scribner's Sons,		22.50	
Scudder, S. H.,		15.00	
Shakspeare Society,		2.50	
Shea, J. G.,		5.00	
Stechert, G. E.,		16.10	
Studies in Histor. & Polit. Science,		4.00	
Taylor, T. J.,		28.15	
Thurston, B. & Co.,		15.00	
Ticknor & Co.,		15.00	
U. S. Patent Office,		62.40	
Waldron, C. D.,		3.00	
Wilbor, G. H.,		3.75	
Willey, H.,		5.00	
Wilson, E. L.,		3.46	
Winslow, W. C.,		15.00	
Woodward, C. L.,		2.00	
Wright, W. C.,		20.00	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,		23.16	$4455.00

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1888.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$406.53	
	One year's interest,		96.00	
			$502.53	
	H. S. Inman,	$210.00		
	Chas. Taber & Co.,	200.00	410.00	$92.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1888.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$481.17	
	One year's interest,		60.00	
			$541.17	
	Little, Brown & Co.,	$195.03		
	E. Muybridge,	100.00	295.03	$246.14

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1888.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$262.90	
	One year's interest,		60.00	
			$322.90	
	Academy of Nat. Sciences,		30.00	$292.90

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1888.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,		$290.37	
	One year's interest,		30.00	$320.37

DOG FUND.

1888.				
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance,		$625.23	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,		987.69	
			$1612.92	
	Paid Y. W. Ames, janitor,	$540.00		
	Briggs & Lawrence, furniture,	49.00		
	C. F. Borden, catalogue drawers,	78.85		
	S. H. Cook, insurance,	187.50		
	L. Grinnell, insurance,	187.50	1042.85	$570.07

GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND.

Interest,		$271.11	
Paid C. F. Borden,		45.57	$225.54

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1889, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$8194.45	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	92.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	246.14	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	292.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	320.37	
	George O. Crocker fund,	225.54	
	Dog fund,	570.07	$9942.00

GEORGE H. DUNBAR, Clerk.

GIFTS, 1888.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Allen, Mrs. William H., city, ... Portrait.		
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass., . .		3
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Penn.,		1
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C., ...		1
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass., ...		1
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., ...		1
Anthony, Edmund & Sons, city, ...	1	
Appleton, D. & Co., New York City, ...	1	
Apprentices' Library, New York, ...	1	
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, Penn.,		1
Arber, Prof. Edward, Birmingham, Eng., ...		1
Astor Library, New York, ...		1
Ayer, J. C. & Co., Lowell, Mass., ...	1	
Bancroft Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal., ...	1	
Board of Trade, Grand Rapids, Mich., ...	1	
Boston Municipal Government, ...	2	
Boston Public Library, ...		3
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, Mass., ...	1	6
Brayton, John S., Esq., Fall River, ...		1
Bridgeport Public Library, Bridgeport, Conn., . . .		1
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass., ...		2
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., ...		1
Brownell, Frank T., New York City, N. Y., ...	2	
Buckminster, Joseph, city, ...	6	3
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y., ...		1
Chase, Ariel, city, ...	2	
Christian Science Publishing Society, Boston, Mass., .	1	
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, ...		4
Cobden Club, London, Eng., ...	5	23
Coggeshall, R. C. P., city, ...	3	2
Coles, Abraham, Newark, N. J., ...	1	
Columbia College, New York City, N. Y., ...		1
Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, Albany, N. Y., ...		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass., . .	11	3

Cook, Samuel H., city,	5 MSS.	
Coolidge, T. Jefferson, Manchester, Mass.,	1	
Cooper Union, New York,		1
Cox, John, city,	6	
Crapo, William W., city,	4	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass.,		1
Deane, L., Washington, D. C.,		1
Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich.,		1
Dexter, Franklin B., New Haven, Conn.,		1
Doran, Joseph L., Philadelphia, Penn.,		1
Dunbar, George H., city,	2	1
Durand, John, New York City,		1
Eclectic Medical College, New York, N. Y.,		2
Emery, Edwin, city,		16
Emery, William M., Brunswick, Maine,	2	1
Ernst, Carl W., Boston, Mass.,		1
Fall River Public Library, Fall River,		1
Farrington, William H., New York,		11
Faxon, Henry H., Boston,	1	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,		1
Fullerton, Alex., Wilkesbarre, Penn.,		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York,		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga.,		1
Germantown Friends' Free Library,		1
Gifford, William L. R., city,	5	2
Goddard, W. N., Hopedale, Mass.,		1
Goodell, Abner C., Jr., Boston,		2
Greely, A. W., Washington, D. C.,		1
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, Mass.,	7	13
Hackett, Frank W., Portsmouth, N. H.,	1	
Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn.,		4
Hathaway, Francis R., city,		2
Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.,		3
Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Mass.,	1	
Helleberg, C. G., Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia,	2	
Hoar, George F., Worcester, Mass.,		1
Howland, George, Jr., city,	30	1
Hubbard, Oliver P.,		1
Huling, Ray Greene, city,	1	3
Jackson, Henry R.,		1
King, Moses, Boston,		1
Knight, Charles W., city,	9 papers.	
Lancaster Library Committee, Lancaster,		1

Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence,		1
Leeson, J. R., Boston, Mass.,	1	1
Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Penn.,		1
Leonard, Elisha, city,		MSS.
Lynn Public Library, Lynn, Mass.,		1
Maimonides Library, New York,		1
McKee, Major James C., Watertown Arsenal, Mass.,		1
Marsh, Col. Lucius B., Boston,	1	
Massachusetts Civil Service Commissioners, Boston,		1
Massachusetts Tariff Reform League, Boston, Mass.,		1
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Boston,		1
Massachusetts Society for Promoting Good Citizenship, Boston,		1
Mercantile Library Company, New York,		2
Meteorological Bureau, Columbus, Ohio,		1
Moseley, Edw. A., Secretary Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.,	1	
Nash, E. W., New York, N. Y.,		1
Newark Library Association, Newark, N. J.,		1
Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois,		1
New England Dental Society, Cambridge,	1	
New Haven Free Public Library, New Haven, Conn.,		1
New Jersey State Government, Newark, N. J.,	1	
Newton Free Library,		1
New York Free Circulating Library,		1
Nichols, Frederick, Boston, Mass.,		3
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Nye, Mrs. Obed C., city,		1
Omaha Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb.,		1
Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb.,		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.,		2
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston,		1
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H.,		1
Potter, Southward, 2d, city,	1	
Pouchet, H. G. C., Paris, France,		1
Preston, Sidney H., Westminster, London, S. W.,	1	
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I.,		1
Publishers of the Folio, Boston, Mass.,	5	
Randolph, J. W., and English, Richmond, Va.,		1
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.,		1
Rockwell & Churchill, Boston,		1
Rodman, Edmund, city,		1
Rosse, Irving C., Washington, D. C.,		4
Roswell, J. C., Oakland, Cal.,		1

Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada,	1	
San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Smith, George W., Philadelphia,	Photo.	
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.,	2	
Sprague, Homer B., Grand Forks, Dakota,		1
Springfield City Library Association, Springfield, Mass.,		8
St. Louis Public Library, F. M. Crunden, Libn.,		1
Swift, George B., Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Taber, Wm. C., Jr., city,		1
Taunton Public Library, Taunton,		1
Thompson, James D., city,	Maps.	
Thompson, Susan (Taber),	2	7
Trenholm, W. L., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Tyler, Charles E., New Bedford,		5
University of California, San Francisco, Cal.,		1
University of Penn., Philadelphia, Penn.,	1	
United States:		
— Bureau of Education,	1	1
— Coast Survey,	2	
— Interior Department,	72	1
— Patent Office,	1	
— State Department,	Map. 1	11
— Treasury Department,	4	
— War Department,	8	4
Waltham Public Library, Waltham, Mass.,		2
Watertown Free Public Library, Watertown, Mass.,		1
Wattley, Chas., city,	1	
Whitaker, Alfred E., San Francisco, Cal.,		1
White, Guilford, Easton, Mass.,		1
Willey, Henry, city,	2	7
Willis, Rufus H., city,	2	
Wilmington Institute, Wilmington, Delaware,		1
Woburn Public Library, Woburn, Mass.,		1
Woman's Medical College of Penn., Philadelphia,		1
Worcester Free Public Library, Worcester, Mass.,		1
Worth, Benj., city,		2
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.,		1
Young Men's Business Association, Quincy, Ill.,	1	
Young Men's Christian Association, N. Carolina,		2
Zerbone, Antonio, city,	7	2

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
March 14, 1889.

Received, ordered printed in the City Documents, and sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD,
City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,
March 14, 1889.

Concurred.

WM. A. MACKIE,
Clerk.